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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Alcino Resende de ALMEIDA
GAS FLOW CONTROL DEVICE (AS AMNEDED)
Our Ref: 034367-1

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application of pending prior parent Application No. 08/186,469 filed on January 26, 1994 of Alcino Resende de ALMEIDA entitled "GAS FLOW CONTROL DEVICE (AS AMNEDED)".

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.62. The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all of the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawing(s), as the basic papers for the new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 C.F.R. § 1.62 application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3407.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on April 21, 1997 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

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Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ~~--This is a Continuation of Application No. 08/186,469 filed January 26, 1994,~~ *now abandoned.*

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from January 27, 1993 based on Brazilian Appl. No. PI9300292. The priority document was filed in the parent Application No. 08/186,469 on January 26, 1994.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

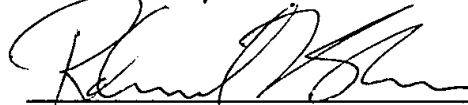
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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 08/186,469.

Respectfully submitted,

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